

We are very concerned about Pappas Telecasting Companies' 'donation' of \$325,000 in airtime to Republican candidates. We thought the airwaves belonged to the public and media groups' use was a privilege. We consider such a donation an abuse of that privilege. Using the airwaves like this to further one political agenda over another undermines our democracy and does not serve the public interest.

We are sincerely frightened by the media environment that exists today. The Pappas 'donation' is just one example of what seems to be an ever increasing frequency of giant media entities using the public airwaves as a propaganda machine to further their own agendas. Sinclair's recent plans to air a one-sided documentary on the eve of the election and FOX News Channel's so called 'Fair and Balanced' reporting are other examples.

We feel very sad over what is happening in this country and wish we had the influence to do more to bring us back to a time when news was news and journalistic integrity mattered. Media consolidation seems to have spawned large scaled abuses that is dividing this country.

We strongly urge you to take steps to strengthen media ownership rules, not weaken them. Please consider strengthening the license renewal process so that more than just a returned postcard is required.

Thank you.

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